Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) An arithmetic performance attribution method for determining portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, comprising the steps of:

(a) determining coefficients $c_1 = A$, and $c_2 = \left[\dfrac{R - \overline{R} - A\sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right]$,

where A has any predetermined value, a_{jt} is a component of active return, the summation over index j is a summation over all components a_{jt} for period t,

$$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1 + R_t)] - 1, \quad \overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1,$$ R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a

benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t

satisfy $\sum_{j} a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$; and

(b) determining the portfolio performance as $R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} \left[c_1 a_{it} + c_2 a_{it}^2 \right]$, where the

summation over index i is a summation over all the terms $(c_1 a_{it} + c_2\, a_{it}^{\,2})$ for period t.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein A is

$$A = \frac{1}{T}\left[\frac{(R - \overline{R})}{(1 + R)^{1/T} - (1 + \overline{R})^{1/T}} \right], \text{ where } R \neq \overline{R},$$

or for the special case $R = \overline{R}$:

$$A = (1 + R)^{(T-1)/T}.$$

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein A = 1.

4. (original) An arithmetic performance attribution method for determining portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, comprising the steps of:

(a) determining a set of coefficients c_k, including a coefficient c_k for each positive integer k; and

(b) determining the portfolio performance as $R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k a_{it}^k$, where a_{it} is a component of active return for period t, the summation over index i is a summation over all components a_{it} for period t, $R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{it} for each period t satisfy $\sum_i a_{it} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$, where the summation over index i is a summation over all components a_{it} for said each period t.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein A is

$$A = \frac{1}{T} \left[\frac{(R - \overline{R})}{(1+R)^{1/T} - (1+\overline{R})^{1/T}} \right], \text{ where } R \neq \overline{R},$$

or for the special case $R = \overline{R}$:

$$A = (1 + R)^{(T-1)/T}.$$

6. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein $c_k = 0$ for each integer k greater than two, $c_1 = A$, $c_2 = \left[\dfrac{R - \overline{R} - A \sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right]$, A has any predetermined value, the summation over index j is a summation over all components a_{jt} for period t, $R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t satisfy $\sum_j a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$.

7. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

a processor which performs ~~programmed to perform~~ an arithmetic performance attribution computation to determine portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, by determining coefficients $c_1 = A$, and

$$c_2 = \left[\frac{R - \overline{R} - A\sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right],$$

where A has any predetermined value, a_{jt} is a component of active return, the summation over index j is a summation over all components a_{jt} for period t, R is

$$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1 + R_t)] - 1, \quad \overline{R} \text{ is } \overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1,$$

R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t satisfy $\sum_j a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$, and determining the portfolio performance as $R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} [c_1 a_{it} + c_2 a_{it}^2]$, where the summation over index i is a summation over all the terms $(c_1 a_{it} + c_2 a_{it}^2)$ for period t; and

a display device coupled to the processor for displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation.

8. (original) The computer system of claim 7, wherein A is

$$A = \frac{1}{T} \left[\frac{(R - \overline{R})}{(1 + R)^{1/T} - (1 + \overline{R})^{1/T}} \right], \quad where \quad R \neq \overline{R},$$

or for the special case $R = \overline{R}$:

$$A = (1 + R)^{(T-1)/T}.$$

9. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

a processor which performs ~~programmed to perform~~ an arithmetic performance attribution computation to determine portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, by determining a coefficient c_k for each integer k greater than zero, and determining the portfolio performance as

$R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k a_{it}^k$, where a_{it} is a component of active return for period t, the

summation over index i is a summation over all components a_{it} for period t,

$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a

benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{it} for each period t

satisfy $\sum_i a_{it} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$, where the summation over index i is a summation over all

components a_{it} for said each period t; and

a display device coupled to the processor for displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation.

10. (original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein $c_k = 0$ for each integer k

greater than two, $c_1 = A$, $c_2 = \left[\dfrac{R - \overline{R} - A\sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right]$, A has any predetermined value, the

summation over index j is a summation over all components a_{jt} for period t,

$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a

benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t

satisfy $\sum_j a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$.

11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium <u>containing instructions</u> ~~which stores code~~ for programming a processor to perform an arithmetic performance attribution computation to determine portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, by determining coefficients

$c_1 = A$, and $c_2 = \left[\dfrac{R - \overline{R} - A\sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right]$, where A has any predetermined value, a_{jt} is a

component of active return, the summation over index j is a summation over all

components a_{jt} for period t, $R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio

return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t satisfy $\sum_j a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$, and determining the portfolio performance as $R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} \left[c_1 a_{it} + c_2 a_{it}^2 \right]$, where the summation over index i is a summation over all the terms $(c_1 a_{it} + c_2 a_{it}^2)$ for period t.

12. (original) The medium of claim 11, wherein A is

$$A = \frac{1}{T} \left[\frac{(R - \overline{R})}{(1 + R)^{1/T} - (1 + \overline{R})^{1/T}} \right], \text{ where } R \neq \overline{R},$$

or for the special case $R = \overline{R}$:

$$A = (1 + R)^{(T-1)/T}.$$

13. (currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~containing instructions~~ <u>which stores code</u> for programming a processor to perform an arithmetic performance attribution computation to determine portfolio performance, relative to a benchmark, over multiple time periods t, where t varies from 1 to T, by determining a coefficient c_k for each integer k greater than zero, and determining the portfolio performance as

$$R - \overline{R} = \sum_{it} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k a_{it}^k ,$$ where a_{it} is a component of active return for period t, the

summation over index i is a summation over all components a_{it} for period t,

$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + R_t)] - 1$, $\overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T} (1 + \overline{R}_t)] - 1$, R_t is a portfolio return for period t, $\overline{R}_t$ is a

benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{it} for each period t satisfy $\sum_i a_{it} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$, where the summation over index i is a summation over all components a_{it} for said each period t.

14. (original) The medium of claim 13, wherein $c_k = 0$ for each integer k greater than two, $c_1 = A$, $c_2 = \left[\dfrac{R - \overline{R} - A \sum_{jt} a_{jt}}{\sum_{jt} a_{jt}^2} \right]$, A has any predetermined value, the

summation over index j is a summation over components a_{jt} for period t,

$$R = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1+R_t)]-1, \quad \overline{R} = [\prod_{t=1}^{T}(1+\overline{R}_t)]-1, \quad R_t \text{ is a portfolio return for period } t, \quad \overline{R}_t \text{ is a}$$

benchmark return for period t, and the components a_{jt} for each period t

satisfy $\sum_{j} a_{jt} = R_t - \overline{R}_t$ where the summation over index j is a summation over all the

components a_{jt} for said each period t.